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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) (copy enclosed) mailed June 3, 2002, Applicant responds as follows.

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING MEDICAMENT TO TISSUE

ABSTRACT


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A system for delivering medicaments to tissue including a delivery member and an optical fiber formed together into a unitary structure. The optical fiber has an inlet attached to a laser energy source and an outlet for emitting laser energy. The delivery member has an inlet attached to a medicament source and an outlet for injecting medicament. A handpiece is adapted to receive the ablating and injecting device in a controlled and movable relationship and may include at least one tissue stabilizing member thereon. In use, the distal end of the handpiece is placed against tissue to be ablated. The optical fiber is advanced into the tissue while emitting laser energy thereby ablating the tissue and forming a channel therein. During retraction, medicament may be injected into the channel or into the tissue surrounding the channel.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this response. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1901.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changed made.**" A clean copy of the Abstract on a separate page is also included.

Respectfully submitted,

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